GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department – Case under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against Sri Dodda Bala Subramanyam, Forest Section Officer, Amancherla Section, O/o Forest Range Officer, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District – Trapped on 22.05.2015 - Request for sanction of Prosecution – Refused – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 66 **Dated: 20-05-2025**

Read the following:-

1)From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad, Letter RC.No.69/RCT-NNL/2015, dated 06.06.2015.
2)From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter Rc.No.69/RCT-NNL/2015, dated 06.12.2016.
3)Govt. Memo.No.4033/Sec.IV/A1/2015, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (Sec.IV) Department, dated 25.09.2017.
4)From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter Rc.No.69/RCT-NNL/2015, dated 31.05.2018.
5)Govt. Memo.No.4033/Sec.IV/A1/2015, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (Sec.IV) Department, dated 20.07.2018.
6) From the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., Interim Orders dated 11.03.2024 & 02.04.2024 in W.A.No.934/2022.
7)From the General Administration (SC.F) Department, Memo. No.2363500/SC.F/A1/2024, dated 28.03.2024.
8)From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter Rc.No.69/RCT-NNL/2015, dated 24.04.2024.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad has furnished the Preliminary Report along with Radio Message dated 23.05.2015 received from the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Ongole, Prakasam District, wherein it has been informed that a Trap case was registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau authorities against Sri Dodda Bala Subramanyam, Forest Section Officer, Amancherla Section, O/o Forest Range Officer, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, as he demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.20,000/- from the complainant Sri Patibandla Suman, Nellore for doing an official favour for processing his field verification report with regard to cutting and supply of eucalyptus pulp wood to facilitate in returning the deposited money approximately Rs.34,30,000/- to the complainant from the Office of Divisional Forest Officer (T).

2. In the letter second read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada has furnished the Final Report and recommended to prosecute the accused officer Sri Dodda Bala Subramanyam, Forest Section Officer, Amancherla Section, O/o Forest Range Officer, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District in a court of law for the offence punishable under section 7, 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and to issue prosecution sanction order as required under section 19(1)(b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

3. The Accused Officer has submitted a representation, dated 19.12.2016 and the same has been examined with reference to the remarks of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests furnished vide letter, dated 05.05.2017 and

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observed that there is no official favour pending with the accused officer as on the date of trap i.e., 22.05.2015 as the accused officer handed over the field inspection report on 21.05.2015 i.e., one day before laying of trap. Further observed that the power of release of deposit amounts lies with the Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore and for this he can obtain reports, recommendations from Forest Range Officer, Nellore. The Forest Section Officer, Amancherla has no power to release the amounts nor he can recommend directly to the Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore for release of deposits. Moreover, the then Forest Section Officer, Amancherla i.e., Sri D. Bala Subramanyam received a memo from Forest Range Officer, Nellore to submit his replies to queries of Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore on dated 06.05.2015 and the issue that the complainant meeting him for requesting him for early submission of the field verification report after meeting Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore and Forest Range Officer, Nellore on dated 06.04.2015 and reiterating his request once in every week later is not substantiated. Further, the entire file regarding execution of the work by the complainant was maintained in O/o the Forest Range Officer, Nellore.

4. After examining the Final Report of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau and after following due procedure, Government have not considered the request of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau for prosecution of the Accused Officer Sri Dodda Bala Subramanyam, Forest Section Officer, Amancherla Section, O/o Forest Range Officer, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, duly stating the reasons in the form of speaking order, vide Govt. Memo third read above.

5. In the letter fourth read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada has requested to reconsider the orders communicated in Govt. Memo third read above and issue order of sanction for prosecution of the Accused Officer Sri Dodda Bala Subramanyam, Forest Section Officer, Amancherla Section, O/o Forest Range Officer, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District.

6. The request of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada has been examined and in the Govt. Memo fifth read above, Government reiterated the earlier orders issued in Govt. Memo. third read above, to the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada for taking necessary further action in the matter.

7. The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada in the letter eighth read above, while quoting the interim orders passed in W.A.No.934 of 2022 vide reference sixth read above and instructions issued in the Memo seventh read above, has stated among others that, there are no specific reasons/speaking order for rejection nor there is any clear rejection/denial in the Government order and therefore, requested to accord sanction for prosecution of the accused officer Sri Dodda Bala Subramanyam, Forest Section Officer, Amancherla Section, O/o Forest Range Officer, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District.

8. Government after detailed examination of the Final Report of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau and taking into consideration of the remarks of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests on the representation of the accused officer, have observed that there is no official favour pending with the Accused Officer Sri Dodda Bala Subramanyam, Forest Section Officer, Amancherla Section, O/o Forest Range Officer, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District as on the date of trap i.e., on 22.05.2015 as the accused officer handed over the field inspection report on 21.05.2015 i.e., one day before laying of trap.

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9. After considering the above facts of the case, Government hereby refuse the request of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau for prosecution of the Accused Officer Sri Dodda Bala Subramanyam, Forest Section Officer, Amancherla Section, O/o Forest Range Officer, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District, as there is no official favour pending with the Accused Officer Sri Dodda Bala Subramanyam, Forest Section Officer, Amancherla Section, O/o Forest Range Officer, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District as on the date of trap i.e., on 22.05.2015.

10. The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

Copy to:

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The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER